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USAID Programs in 2006

The American people though USAID have provided more than \$500 million in assistance programs for Kazakhstan since 1992, including \$20 million in 2006.



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Economic Reform (FY06 \$8.7 million, 43.5%): USAID's program to improve the environment for the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises in Kazakhstan has three main components: 1) transferring modern business skills and making business information more available (Pragma, Carana, Junior Achievement); 2) increasing access to finance by enhancing lender knowledge, strengthening financial institutions, and creating alternative sources of finance (Bearing Point, Small Enterprise Assistance Fund-SEAF, EBRD, Pragma, and ACDI/VOCA); and 3) promoting more transparent, systematic implementation of laws and regulations, by strengthening the budget and public sector audit processes, improving monetary and competition policies (Bearing Point), customs modernization, reduction of investment constraints, and WTO accession (Pragma).

Energy and Water (FY06 \$0.7 million, 3.5 %): Starting in 2006, USAID's Regional Energy Market Assistance Program will assist in developing a regional electricity market. The project will work to establish a transparent, competitive market; to increase electricity trade; and to introduce market-based solutions for current disputes on hydroelectricity facilities and reservoirs (implementer TBD). The Development Credit Authority Program aims to encourage commercial bank lending to private firms for implementation of energy savings measures.

Health and Population (FY06 \$3.4 million, 17%): USAID's quality primary health care (PHC) program is helping Kazakhstan to reform its health system to ensure utilization of high quality primary health care services. USAID's program in Kazakhstan has a special focus on improving the quality of maternal, child, and reproductive health services. Technical and other assistance support the country's efforts to control infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis (TB), with increasing efforts to reduce the spread of multi-drug resistant TB. Principal contractors/grantees: Abt Associates, John Snow Inc., the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Project HOPE.

Democracy and Media (FY06 \$5.5 million 27.5 %): USAID's democracy strategy concentrates on building a democratic culture mainly through support for: 1) civil society organizations (Counterpart, National Democratic Institute); 2) independent media (Internews and Adil Soz); 3) civic and democratic education, including extracurricular activities reinforcing democratic values (International Foundation for Election Systems – IFES); 4) judicial ethics/independence (ABA/CEELI) and training (IRIS); 5) improving local government transparency and openness to citizens (Urban Institute); and 6) support for democratic political parties and other institutions committed to democracy (NDI). Kazakhstan's human rights organizations receive support to improve public understanding and awareness of abuses (Freedom House).

Cross-Cutting Issues (FY06 \$1.75 Million, 9%): To support USAID's technical assistance programs, the Participant Training Program provides training (AED). The Community Connections Program offers home-stay based, three to five week practical training opportunities in the United States for Kazakhstan's business and professional organization leaders (World Learning). Eurasia Foundation provides small grants to NGOs to strengthen private enterprise, civil society, public administration, and education.